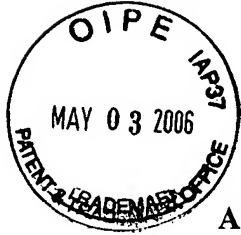


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages); and
2. Return Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 29708-501 CIP. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Dated: May 3, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, encompassing claims 1-16 and 28-31 directed to compositions comprising polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 2 and 18, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of non-elected claims in later-filed continuing or divisional applications, or to request rejoinder under MPEP § 821.04.

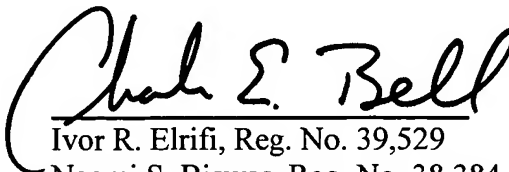
Applicants submit that this paper is fully responsive and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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Without an extension, this response is due on or before May 3, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 29708-501 CIP.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles E. Bell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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